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### Election

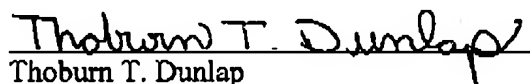
Applicants hereby elect the claims of Group I (Claims 1 to 36) drawn to a polymer for prosecution on the merits.

### REMARKS

The Examiner has restricted the claims to two inventions, the invention of Group I (claims 1-36) drawn to a polymer and the invention of Group II (claims 37-71) drawn to a composition. Consonant with the restriction of the claims of Group II, the Examiner required applicants to elect a single disclosed species for prosecution on the merits and identified claim 38 as generic. No election of species requirement was issued with respect to the claims of Group I.

In view of applicants' election of the claims of Group I for prosecution on the merits and the absence of an election of species requirement directed to said claims, it is submitted the applicants' election of the claims of Group I is complete and the present requirement for restriction has been complied with.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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